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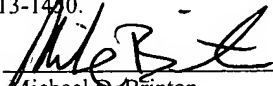
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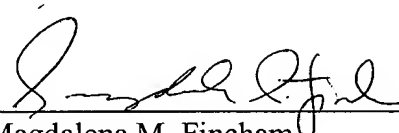
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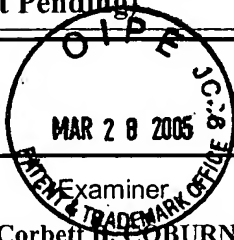
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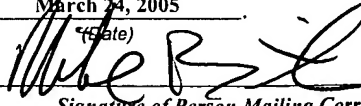
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIAT E
	A	5,761,647	06/02/98	Boushy	705	10	
	B	5,770,533	06/23/98	Franchi	463	42	
	C	5,811,772	09/22/98	Lucero	235	380	
	D	6,110,043	08/29/00	Olsen	463	27	
	E	US 6,471,589	10/29/02	Nagano	463	21	
	F	US 6,843,724 B2	01/18/05	Walker et al.	463	25	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	G	WO 96/08295	03/21/96	PCT				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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